

**MEETING OF
PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 16, 2016, 7:00 PM, Town Hall**

Members in attendance: Peter Bottomley (Chair), Daryl McCool, Ron Sommer, Corey Ochsner, Corbett Hoenninger, Aaron Atwell, Lindsay Boyle, Quorum present.

Absent: Trustee, Chris Hanson, Sandie Hammerly, George Kupfner

Others in attendance: Staff, Patrick Hammer, Trustee, Debra Williams, OSAC Chair, Patricia Dunham, Resident, Sandy Pennington

1. Call Meeting to Order (**7:06**)
2. Public Comment. Sandy Pennington, speaking as a resident, addressed the Committee regarding her concerns over the proposed Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail (RMG). The regional RMG trail will link the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge in Commerce City to Rocky Mountain National Park using a network of local trails including a connection through the northeast corner of Rocky Flats. After conducting personal research, Sandy does not feel the trail is a good or safe option for the Town based on negative environmental impacts caused by the previous operations at the Rocky Flats site. Sandy asked the members of PROSTAC to take a serious look at the RMG proposal and consider other options prior to making a formal recommendation to the Board.
3. Review of Coyote Ridge Mountain Bike Trail public meeting. The general consensus from the public meeting is to leave the network of trails as multi-use, but consider minor maintenance and signage improvements. As a follow-up item to this discussion, Committee member Lindsay Boyle volunteered to ride the network of trails mapping the area using a GSP application on her phone and taking photos to give the group a better understanding of the current conditions. An item that PROSTAC discussed at length is whether or not to consider formalizing the social trails that have developed over the years in the Coyote Ridge area. This discussion item is captured further in the 2016 Trail Recommendation.
4. 2016 Trail Recommendation. The Committee discussed the 2016 Trails Plan and made the following unanimous recommendation:
 - The members of PROSTAC agree with the previous recommendation made by OSAC on March 9 to the Town Board to move forward with the issuance of a Request for Proposal for the expedited design and construction of the following prioritized trails as identified on the attached map. PROSTAC also agrees with OSAC's recommendation to the Board that the Town use Open Space funds for associated design and construction costs that exceed the current \$200,000 in this year's Open Space Trail Improvements Budget. Further, PROSTAC considers Coyote Ridge Mountain Bike trail area a priority based on public feedback collected during the public meeting on March 16, and recommends that basic maintenance and engineering be performed on the existing planned and social trails and recommends constructing trail G as identified on the attached map.

As a side to this discussion, Trustee Williams suggested the Committees conduct public outreach to the residents that boarder trail D identified on the attached map. Trustee Williams has heard from residents that live near the area who do not support a trail in that location.

5. 2016 Amenity Priority List. The group reviewed the 2016 Amenity List including the individual ranking and comments submitted by the Committee members.
 - The members of PROSTAC unanimously approve the 2016 Amenity Priority List as presented during the meeting.
6. 2016 Playground Enhancements. The group briefly discussed ideas for this year's playground enhancements and will have further discussion at the April meeting.

Attachments:

- Summarized Comments from the Coyote Ridge Public Meeting
- 2016 Trail Recommendation Map
- 2016 Amenity Prioritization



PROSTAC Amenities Priorities
DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

Prepared for meeting 3/16/2016

(Data unchanged from 3/15/2016)

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	Item - see Word Doc for fuller description	Potential EK8 / School Parcel	Potential STC	H=3 M=2 L=1	In Top 3	2016-2017	Group H/M/L	High Group - Top 3	Target for 2016-2017		Group H/M/L	High Group - Top 3	Target for 2016-2017	Group H/M/L	High Group - Top 3	Target for 2016-2017	Group H/M/L	High Group - Top 3	Target for 2016-2017	Group H/M/L	High Group - Top 3	Target for 2016-2017	Group H/M/L	High Group - Top 3	Target for 2016-2017	Group H/M/L	High Group - Top 3	Target for 2016-2017
4	Recreation Center (indoor pool, gymnasium, exercise equipment, meeting space, etc)			1	1			H	1		H	3		H	1		M							H	X			
1	Upgrade Community Park west multi-purpose fields			2	2			H	2		M		X	H	2		H	1					L					
27	Coyote Ridge bike "park" enhancements			3		X		M			L			M		X	H						H	X	X			
2	Multipurpose Field – Additional field		X	4	3			H			L			H	2		H						L					
3	BVSD cooperative effort on school fields that are not being utilized (i.e. Eldorado K-8)			5				H			M		X	H	3		H	2					L					
11	Outdoor Teen Amenity (non-skate park)			6				H			H		X	M			H						L					
18	Splash Pad/water play feature		X	7				M			L			M			H						M					
25	Batting Cages at Community Park			8				H			M			H		X	M						M					
5	Indoor Pool			9				M			M			M			L						H	X				
19	Partner to allow beach/lake use at Autrey Pond (behind Bell Flatirons)			10		X		M			H	1	X	M			L						L					
7	Community Garden			11				H			L			L			H	3					M					
10	Pickle ball courts		X	12				M			M			L			M						L					
17	Tennis Court		X	13				L			L			L			M						L					
14	Slackline	X		14		X		L			H	2	X	M			L						L					
16	Play Tables	X	X	15				H			L			M			L						L					
22	Outdoor Fitness Equipment	X		16				L			L			M			L						M					
6	Youth Baseball Field – Little League Field with lighting			17				L			L			H			L						L					
8	Volleyball – Additional outdoor sand court	X	X	18				L			L			M			L						L					
12	North Pool – Bubble to allow year-around use of North Pool			19				H	3		L			L			L						L					
13	Skate Park			20				L			M			L			M						L					
20	Indoor performance space			21				L			L			L			H						L					
26	Agility course for dogs at dog park			22				L			L			L			M						L					
9	Basketball hoops or half-courts in smaller parks			23				L			L			M			L						L					
24	Outdoor Skating Rink for Recreational Purposes			24				L			L			M			M						L					
15	PROST Master Plan Update			25				M			L			L			L						L					
21	Autrey Park – Interpretive signage			26				L			L			M		X	L						L					
23	Outdoor Amphitheater			27				L			L			L			M						L					
28	Off-leash dog open space/hiking area			28													M											

Note: Trails and playgrounds being addressed in separate process

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Summarized Comments from the Coyote Ridge Public Meeting

March 16, 6:00 p.m.

Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee

- Several residents in attendance at the meeting do not see an issue with dogs off leash in the Coyote Ridge area.
- How is dog waste in the Coyote Ridge area any different from horse or coyote waste on the County's trails?
- Does this community meeting have to do with the recent fire in the open space?
- The majority of those attending the meeting don't see a reason to make changes to any of the existing trails and would prefer the area to be open space and open to pets.
- If changes are to be made in this area where would the money come from?
- This trail area is a great after work ride, but there does need to be some level maintenance on social trails.
- Several in the group would like to this this area be open to dogs off leash and want to know how to best approach the Town Board.
- Like single track feature and does not think anything should be done.
- Enjoy the rustic single track and does not see an issue with current use.
- Several would like to see enforcement of pet pick-up in the open space area and the installation of educational signs.
- Is it possible to install more pet pick-up stations?
- Would like to see more maintenance of the trail – wants to see opportunity to speak to the Board about dog off leash.
- Would it be possible to host a class on dog etiquette in the area? Most people are good pet owners. This is a case of the bad apples impacting everyone.
- Is there anything that can be done on the private property south of the Town's property?
- Consider more signage in the open space areas to encourage pet pick up.
- Coyote Ridge is a unique amenity for Boulder County. The bigger issue is the ownership of the private property. Is it possible to partner with the County to acquire open space?
- The Superior Running Club uses the trail and rarely has negative interactions with dogs off leash.

- Several like the trail and open space is it is difference from typical county open space areas.
- Would the Town be open to adopting a Green Tag Dog Off Leash Program similar to the City of Boulder?
- If funding is available it would be nice to improve the social trails.
- The residents in attendance agreed to share their emails with each other in a grassroots effort to self-police the area and educate the public.
- Maybe there is also a way to tie in the Town's outdoor education program to this area.